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1. Who is your connection or interest in this case? For example, are you a customer of the subject of this pending proceeding? This section must be completed. (This section must be completed.)

I am a customer of Carolina Water Service, Inc.

TO THE COMMISSION

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CLERK'S OFFICE

2. Please give a brief summary of your protest. (This section must be completed.)

Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS") has filed an application to request an exorbitant increase of the price for water and sewer services. I am protesting this adjustment. CWS has not provided sufficient and complete evidence to warrant such a huge increase in water and sewer rates to the amount documented in the "NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING". In comparison to other water and sewer providers in the Midlands region, CWS is the most expensive water and sewer services provider. Water and sewer services are critical services in my community. CWS is the only water and sewer services provider in the Keystone Commons Sub-division community; there is no competition in the area. Residents in my community simply cannot choose to change service providers because competition does not exist. Without competition, CWS monopolizes the market to its advantage; residents will either be forced to pay increased rates or move out of the community. There are senior citizens as well as single women and single mothers living here. I was concerned with the water rate when I purchased my home 3 years ago. I plan to retire within a few years and will be living on a fixed income. I could not afford this huge increase in my water and sewer rate. If their request is approved, it will be more than my power bill. I hate to think that at 69 or 70 years of age, I would have to sell my home simple because of my water and sewer bill. Please do not permit CWS to increase rates for its services.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance and speaking at the proceeding? If so, please state your name and address. (This section must be completed.)

No, I do not wish to speak, but I do plan to attend the hearing.